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SUBJECT: BRITISH AMBASSADOR TO BRAZIL COMMENTS ON THE NUCLEAR
QUESTION AND URENCO

1. SUMMARY. THE BRITISH AMBASSADOR TO BRAZIL HAS BEEN QUOTED
IN THE PRESS, PERHAPS INCORRECTLY, AS SAYING THAT THE GOB-FRG
AGREEMENT "WILL BE" AND "OUGHT TO BE" FULFILLED.
A BRITISH DIPLOMAT COMMENTED TO EMBOFF THAT ALTHOUGH HMG'S
VIEWS ARE "VERY CLOSE" TO OURS, HMG CANNOT ACT AS "AMERICA'S
CATSPAW" ON THE QUESTION OF THE BRAZILIAN-GERMAN AGREEMENT,
NOR CAN HMG ATTACK THE FRG PUBLICLY ON THIS ISSUE OR OTHERS.
END SUMMARY.

2. THE NEW BRITISH AMBASSADOR TO BRAZIL, NORMAN STATHAM, HAS
BEEN QUOTED IN THE PRESS RECENTLY AS SAYING THAT THE GOB-FRG
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AGREEMENT "WILL BE" AND "OUGHT TO BE" EXECUTED (JORNAL DO BRASIL,
MARCH 13). STATHAM, ACCORDING TO JORNAL, SAID THAT WHEN THE UK
IS CALLED UPON TO VOTE ON URENCO FUEL FOR BRAZIL, THE UK WILL VOTE
YES. A WEEK PRIOR (O ESTADO DE SAO PAULO, MARCH 5), STATHAM
WAS QUOTED AS SAYING THAT BRAZIL OUGHT NOT TO EXPECT PROBLEMS
IN URENCO FROM THE BRITISH PARTNER SINCE THE IAEA SAFE-GUARDS
(OR THE GOB-FRG AGREEMENT) HAVE BEEN APPROVED. "THERE IS NO CHANGE

IN THE BRITISH POSITION" THAT THE SAFEGUARDS ARE "FULLY SATIS-
FACTORY."

3. A BRITISH DIPLOMAT HAS TOLD US THAT AMBASSADOR STATHAM WAS
GROSSLY MISQUOTED. (ANOTHER BRITISH DIPLOMAT HOWER TOLD US STATHAM
WAS NOT MISQUOTED.) STATHAM HIMSELF VOLUNTEERED TO THE AMBASSADOR
THAT HIS STATEMENTS HAD BEEN DISTORTED. THE DIPLOMAT WAS UNSURE,
HOWEVER, OF EXACTLY WHAT WAS SAID SINCE HE WAS NOT PRESENT AT HIS
AMBASSADOR'S INTERVIEWS. THE DIPLOMAT GAVE EMBOFF THE TEXT
OF THE AMBASSADOR'S PRESS GUIDANCE. BEGIN TEXT. "THE BRAZILIAN/
GERMAN NUCLEAR AGREEMENT IS OF COURSE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE
GOVERNMENTS OF BRAZIL AND GERMANY. BRITAIN HAS AN INTEREST IN THAT
THE AGREEMENT ENVISAGES THE SUPPLY OF ENRICHED URANIUM BY URENCO,
IN WHICH WE ARE PARTNERS WITH THE DUTCH AND GERMANS. WE BELIEVE
THAT THE URENCO CONTRACT WILL GO AHEAD UNDER ARRANGEMENTS SATIS-
FACTORY TO ALL CONCERNED. IT WAS THE SAFEGUARDS PROVIDED FOR THAT
MADE IT POSSIBLE FOR US TO GO ALONG WITH THE CONTRACT."

4. THE DIPLOMAT, IN AN INFORMAL CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF, HAD
SEVERAL COMMENTS ON THE NUCLEAR QUESTION. HE STRESSED THAT
SEVERAL CONSIDERATIONS HAD GUIDED HMG'S STANCE ON THE
BRAZILIAN/GERMAN AGREEMENT. FIRST, ALTHOUGH HMG'S NON-PROLIFERATION
VIEWS ARE "VERY CLOSE TO AMERICA'S, WE CANNOT
ACT AS AMERICA'S CATSPAWE," PARTICULARLY SINCE THE BRAZILIANS
ARE SO VERY UPSET WITH THE PUBLIC MANNER OF US DIPLOMATIC
EFFORTS. SECOND, HMG CANNOT BE PUT INTO A POSITION OF
ATTACKING WEST GERMANY IN PUBLIC, ON THIS ISSUE OR ON
OTHERS. THESE CONSIDERATIONS, HE THOUGH, MIGHT HELP
EXPLAIN WHY HIS EMBASSY HAS HAD DIFFICULTY IN LARNING
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